

57TH REGULAR SESSION

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the State at the General Election to be held the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1962, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment authorizing the Legislature to create hospital districts and prescribing limitations upon the powers of such districts."

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment authorizing the Legislature to create hospital districts and prescribing limitations upon the powers of such districts."

Sec. 3. The Governor of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for the election and this Amendment shall be published in the manner and for the length of time as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

Adopted by the House, May 2, 1961: Yeas 141, Nays 3; House concurred in Senate amendment, May 17, 1961: Yeas 138, Nays 2; passed the Senate, as amended, May 12, 1961: Yeas 28, Nays 0.

Filed without Governor's signature, June 17, 1961.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—CREATION OF TWO HOSPITAL DISTRICTS IN BRAZORIA COUNTY

H. J. R. No. 70.

Proposing an Amendment to Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto a new Section authorizing the creation of two (2) hospital districts in Brazoria County, one to include all or part of the West Columbia, Brazoria and Damon Independent School Districts, and the other coterminous with the Sweeny Independent School District, providing for a possible consolidation of the two, providing a mode of funding and also authorizing construction, equipping, maintaining, and financing of a home for the aged in Titus County.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Texas is amended by adding thereto a new Section to read as follows:

"Section 10(a). The Legislature may authorize the creation of two (2) hospital districts in Brazoria County, one of which shall include all or part of the West Columbia, Brazoria, and Damon Independent School Districts and the other coterminous with the Sweeny Independent School District. The qualified electorate of the hospital districts may, by majority vote of each such hospital district, consolidate the Sweeny Hospital District into the Damon, West Columbia, and Brazoria Hospital District at any time subsequent to the organization of the separate hospital districts.

"Such districts, if created, may be authorized to levy a tax not to exceed twenty-five cents (25¢) on the one hundred dollar valuation of taxable property within the districts, provided no tax may be levied until approved by a majority vote of the participating resident, qualified, property taxpaying voters who may have duly rendered their property for taxation. The maximum rate of tax may be changed at subsequent elections, provided existing obligations are not impaired, but in no event shall any change of rate exceed twenty-five cents (25¢) per one hundred dollar valuation.

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"The maximum tax rate submitted shall be sufficient to discharge such obligations, liabilities, and responsibilities, and to acquire, construct, maintain and operate the hospital system, and the Legislature may authorize the district to issue tax bonds for the purpose of the acquisition, construction, purchase, repair or renovation of improvements and initially equipping the same and such bonds shall be payable from said twenty-five cent tax.

"(b) In addition to all other ad valorem taxes authorized under this Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas, Titus County is hereby authorized and empowered to levy, assess and collect a tax not exceeding twenty-five cents (25¢) on the one hundred dollar valuation of taxable property in said County in any one year for the purpose of paying the principal and interest on any bonds issued by said County for the purpose of constructing and equipping a home or homes for the aged persons in said County and to pay the maintenance and operation expenses thereof, provided said bonds and tax shall have been authorized at an election or elections held for that purpose by a majority of the qualified electors of Titus County, who own taxable property in said County and who have duly rendered the same for taxation, voting at said election. This provision shall be self-enacting and no enabling legislation hereunder shall be required. Any bond issued hereunder shall be issued in accordance with the General Laws except as herein otherwise provided."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of this State at the General Election to be held the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1962, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment authorizing the construction, equipping, maintenance and financing of a home for the aged in Titus County and for permitting the Legislature to authorize the creation of two (2) hospital districts in Brazoria County, one of which is to include all or part of the West Columbia, Brazoria and Damon Independent School Districts, and the other coterminous with the Sweeny Independent School District, also providing for a possible consolidation of the two by qualified voters of such districts, and providing for all necessary construction, equipping, maintaining and financing if authorized."

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment authorizing the construction, equipping, maintenance and financing of a home for the aged in Titus County and for permitting the Legislature to authorize the creation of two (2) hospital districts in Brazoria County, one of which is to include all or part of the West Columbia, Brazoria and Damon Independent School Districts, and the other coterminous with the Sweeny Independent School District, also providing for a possible consolidation of the two by qualified voters of such districts, and providing for all necessary construction, equipping, maintaining and financing if authorized."

Sec. 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

Adopted by the House, April 18, 1961: Yeas 139, Nays 1; House concurred in Senate amendments, May 16, 1961: Yeas 130, Nays 4; passed the Senate, as amended, May 10, 1961: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

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